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**Thang Le.** *Representations of the Kauffman Bracket Skein Algebra at Roots of Unity.*

Let  $\zeta$  be an  $n$ th root of unity, and  $F$  be a finite type oriented surface. The Kauffman bracket skein algebra  $K_\zeta(F)$  is an algebra over the complex numbers with basis the simple diagrams on  $F$  and multiplication given by stacking and resolving crossings using the Kauffman bracket skein relations. We prove a conjecture of Bonahon and Wong about irreducible representations of  $K_\zeta(F)$ .

An irreducible representation  $\rho : K_\zeta(F) \rightarrow M_N(\mathbb{C})$  is a surjective homomorphism to a matrix algebra. We prove generically, the irreducible representations of  $K_\zeta(F)$  are determined by their central characters, and those generic representations all have the same dimension, which is the rank of  $K_\zeta(F)$  as a module over its center. (Received May 01, 2017)